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ARTS COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

August 1, 2011

The Edmonds Arts Commission: dedicated to the arts, an integral part of community life.

City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Samantha Saether, Chair
Pam Harold
Suzy Maloney
Mary Monfort

Joanne Otness
Lois Rathvon
Todd Timmcke

STAFF
Frances Chapin
Kris Gillespie

AUDIENCE

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Samantha Saether, Chair.

MINUTES

Harold MOVED, Otness SECONDED the July 11, 2011 minutes be approved as sent. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Add Economic Development Committee under Advocacy & Community Involvement.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Youth Arts Education

1. **School Workshop** – Chapin reported that the College Place Middle School teacher who hosted the workshops with Brian McDonald last year is very interested in a workshop in the fall and will explore some presenter options. The Friends of the Library have \$600 budgeted to co-sponsor a workshop in 2011 with additional funds for 2012.

Creative Programming – Program

1. **Public Art – Project Updates** – Chapin reported that the pieces by Reiquam are complete but there is a delay in Flower Pole installation due to Public Works' heavy schedule, however, a process for installation has been established. The new pole at 3rd and Main, installed as part of the bank construction, could potentially be used for a new art piece. Benson Shaw will try a repair method this week to replace the broken dichroic glass discs at the roundabout with a mosaic glass disc.
2. **Concerts** – Saether reported that due to the cool, overcast weather, attendance was about 300 for the Reilly & Maloney concert. As in past years, the crowd was very enthusiastic and familiar with their music. Monfort and Rathvon reported that the sound system for the Shakespeare performance the week before was inadequate. Monfort also reported that someone from PBS was there filming the performance as part of a collection of Shakespeare in the Parks videos that will be aired at the Globe Theater during the Olympics in England.
1. **WOTS Sign-ups** – Gillespie distributed the volunteer sign-up sheet for the Oct 1 & 2 event. Otness reported that several members of the steering committee are helping staff a table at the Pacific Northwest Writer's conference Aug 5 & 6 that is being shared with Seattle Freelances. Gillespie will send an email blast about on-line registration.

Creative Programming – Funding/Administration

1. **2012 Budget** – Chapin distributed a draft 2012 budget saying that it is similar to the 2011 budget with the main exception being an increase in public art expenditures with the anticipation that a new project will commence in 2012. The 127 fund will be used to record donations and purchases of memorial Flower Poles.

Advocacy & Community Involvement

1. **Chamber Arts & Culture Committee** – Saether reported that at the last meeting, members of the Chamber Arts & Culture Committee wrote a statement of purpose and identified key goals for the group in their efforts to have an inclusive understanding and support of all of the organizations and businesses that contribute to Edmonds' Arts and Culture.
2. **Economic Development Committee** – Monfort reported that the Economic Development Committee has been working to support a flexible developer agreement proposed by the Planning Board Council will be reviewing the proposal further in future meetings.

Cultural Destination

1. **Cultural Heritage Tour** – Chapin reported that a consultant has been selected and she is working on a contract.
2. **Old Mill Town Plaza** – Monfort reported that at City Council on August 23, the plan for the Old Mill Town garden and gathering space will be presented by Carrie Hite with time for discussion and public comment

STAFF REPORT – no questions

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **City Website** – Chapin reported that she is working on an Arts & Culture landing page for the new website that would be more general and contain links to arts related organizations, businesses, and events in Edmonds. It would also link to City events and the Arts Commission pages. The City hopes to have the new website live in September.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM